

FACT SHEET

Name of Proposal	Sand Point Magnuson Park Drainage, Wetland/Habitat Complex and Sports Fields/Courts Project.
Proponent	City of Seattle, Department of Parks and Recreation
Location	<p>The proposed project would be located in Sand Point Magnuson Park, which lies generally north of NE 65th Street and east of Sand Point Way NE in the northeastern area of Seattle. The specific development activities for the project would occur within what is identified in the Sand Point Physical Development Management Plan (PDMP) as the Magnuson Park Open Space/Recreation Expansion Area. The sports fields and courts would be developed in the central and south-central areas of Sand Point Magnuson Park. The proposed wetland/habitat complex is in the southeastern quadrant of the park.</p>
Proposed Action	<p>The <i>Proposed Action</i> is a decision to undertake development of new sports fields and courts, a wetland/habitat complex and integrated site drainage facilities at Sand Point Magnuson Park (SPMP) in the City of Seattle. The proposed action would be taken pursuant to the general direction provided by the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan and the Sand Point Physical Development Management Plan (PDMP). City Council Resolutions 30063 (adopted in November 1999) and 30293 (April 2001) provide specific guidance on concept design for sports fields and courts, wetland/habitat components and drainage for Sand Point Magnuson Park.</p> <p>To implement the project, the Department of Parks and Recreation proposes to undertake the following specific actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• remove existing buildings and paving in the area of the former Navy Commissary facilities, adjacent to NE 65th Street near the southern edge of the park, as necessary to accommodate the development of sports facilities, drainage features and upland and wetland habitats• reconfigure the existing southern entrance corridor to Sand Point Magnuson Park by widening the roadway, providing separate bicycle and pedestrian pathways, and installing new landscaping• maintain some areas of viable existing wetland and woodland habitat in the eastern/southeastern portions of the park, while creating additional wetland and upland habitats in a complex mosaic• develop a new trail system to provide foot and visual access to suitable areas of the wetland and habitat complex (leaving sensitive

parts of the habitat generally inaccessible), with rest areas and signage as appropriate

- redevelop an existing mowed grass sports meadow to accommodate up to 4 soccer fields, as well as community functions and unstructured recreation, during daylight hours (i.e., without lights)
- construct new facilities to provide 11 athletic fields with all-weather, synthetic surfaces and lights, to accommodate soccer (5 fields), baseball/adult slow-pitch softball (2 fields), youth baseball/fast-pitch softball (3 fields), and rugby (1 field)
- construct a new 1.5-mile cross-country running trail that, in conjunction with existing trails and new pedestrian ways, could accommodate 3- to 4-mile cross-country events
- construct a dual-purpose parking lot/paved area for in-line skate hockey
- construct 2 “walk-on” basketball courts and 3 sand volleyball courts
- construct three new service/support complexes to house restrooms, a concession stand, maintenance facilities, storage, mechanical services and program space
- install subsurface drainage facilities from the athletic fields and develop drainage corridors to provide surface conveyance of storm water from the west, north and east perimeters of the project site. Stormwater would be routed through bioswales and vegetated water quality treatment wetlands prior to passing into habitat wetlands.
- create a new open-water embayment to enhance near-shore fish habitat along Lake Washington for endangered Puget Sound chinook salmon and other aquatic species
- provide appropriate infrastructure to facilitate a passive interpretive and educational program for the wetland/habitat complex
- construct environmental education structures and viewing platforms on the perimeter of the wetland/habitat complex
- integrate new water supply, irrigation, electric power and lighting utility structures into the existing Park utility systems, and relocate some existing utility lines

A variety of specific permits and approvals would be needed to implement the proposed action. All facilities or resources developed through the proposed project would be operated and maintained by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Park-sponsored leagues, various league organizations and user groups and the general public would use the athletic facilities. The habitat areas within the Park would be open and accessible to the public. In addition, more formal arrangements with education groups would be formulated to coordinate the use of the habitat area for formal education for K-12 and university level students and the general public. Stewardship and long-term maintenance of some aspects of the habitat restoration would be coordinated between Parks and interested citizen and community groups. The Parks Department

would enter into agreements with organizations as appropriate for use of the facilities and habitat resources.

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Required Approvals

Preliminary investigation indicates that the following permits and/ or approvals could be required for the *Proposed Action*. Additional permits/approvals may be identified during the review process.

Agencies with Jurisdiction

■ ***United States***

Army Corps of Engineers

Clean Water Act, Section 404

Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 10

■ ***State of Washington***

Department of Fish and Wildlife

Hydraulic Project Approval

Department of Ecology

Construction Stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit

■ ***City of Seattle***

Seattle City Council

Resolution approving project

Council Land Use Action for height standards

Department of Design, Construction & Land Use

Master Use Permit, including:

- Grading Permits
- Demolition Permits
- Building Permits
- Mechanical Permits
- Electrical Permits
- Occupancy Permits
- Shoreline Substantial Development Permit
- Comprehensive Drainage Control Plan approvals
- Large-Parcel Drainage Control Plans with Construction Best Management Practices, Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Approvals

Seattle Design Commission

Recommendation for approval of the project design

Transportation Department (SEATRAN)

Recommendation for approval concerning the reconfiguration of the NE 65th Street entrance to Sand Point/Magnuson Park
Street Use Permits (temporary, construction-related)

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**Location of
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this Final EIS**

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Date of Final Action

Seattle City Council approval of the final action is anticipated to occur in winter 2002-2003, following consideration of the Final EIS.

**Availability/Cost of
this Final EIS**

Copies of this Final EIS have been distributed to agencies, organizations and individuals noted on the Distribution List (*Chapter 7 in this document*).

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